

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Sung-hee HWANG et al.

Application No. 10/797,050

Group Art Unit: 2627

Confirmation No. 4707

Filed: March 11, 2004

Examiner: Thomas D. Alunkal

For: WRITE ONCE DISC ALLOWING MANAGEMENT OF DATA AREA, METHOD  
OF MANAGING THE DATA AREA, AND METHOD FOR REPRODUCING DATA FROM  
WRITE ONCE DISC

**COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance was forwarded in the Notice of  
Allowability mailed on August 7, 2007.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care  
must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for  
allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are  
accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted  
interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims.  
The examiner should keep in mind the possible  
misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be  
made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Examiner characterizes certain features of various claims. However, the  
Examiner has not recited the appropriate language for the appropriate claims as pending  
and allowed in the application.

By way of example, regarding claims 38 and 46, it appears the second reasons for allowance for claim 38 should be for that of claim 46. It is respectfully submitted that the passage should not be a basis for any estoppel or interpretation.

The foregoing is merely meant to be exemplary, and does not point out all of the discrepancies between the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the claimed features of the allowed claims.


It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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